

**Town of Mansfield
Public Safety Committee
January 13, 2010
Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B**

Minutes

Members Present: A. Barberet, R. Blicher, G. Cole, C. Paulhus, R. Pellegrine, Warden
M. Rinaldi, Lt. W. Solenski, W. Stauder (Chair), S. Thomas
Staff Present: Maria Capriola (Town)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04pm

II. Minutes of 10/14/09

A motion was made by Mr. Paulhus and seconded by Mr. Cole to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Warden's Report and Discussion

Warden Rinaldi provided an update on the population. Currently there are 943 inmates and the overflow unit remains closed. A general discussion occurred regarding the List of Offenses; the IT Department (State) is working to update the list for the Committee to include the underlying causes for violations (i.e. conspiracy, criminal intent). The Committee discussed conditions of probation and stalking charges.

The Community Outreach program has been temporarily suspended due to H1N1 concerns. A school graduation is scheduled for Friday, January 15th; 13 inmates are receiving their GEDs. Revenue generated from the inmate photo program was recently donated to local non-profits: the Willimantic Soup Kitchen and the Town of Mansfield Human Services Holiday Fund (serves local families in need).

Bergin staff conducted practice drills for escapes (Code Green) on Wednesday, January 13th and no problems occurred. Deputy Warden Kearney retired; Bergin will get a replacement Deputy Warden to run programming and education. The gymnasium is being used for recreation and indoor activities during the winter; inmates do have the option to go outside daily but many do not choose to do so in the winter.

IV. Chairperson's Report

For housekeeping purposes, Ms. Stauder suggested that the Committee re-visit the issue of selecting a Chair, Vice Chair and a secretary or recorder. Ms. Barberet made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paulhus for Ms. Stauder to continue to serve as Chair. The motion was unanimously approved. By consensus the Committee selected Mr. Paulhus to serve as the Vice Chair. No member of the Committee was interested in serving as secretary; as a result, the Committee asked Ms. Capriola to

continue to record their meeting minutes. Ms. Capriola stated she was willing to continue to record the meeting minutes.

V. Emergency Notification System

By consensus, the Committee asked staff to prepare and send a letter to residents and business owners with property within ¼ mile of Bergin. The letter will ask these people whether they wish to be added or dropped from the emergency notification phone tree.

VI. Communications

The Committee reviewed the basics of the FOIA brochure.

VII. Public Comment

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Capriola, M.P.A.
Assistant to Town Manager